

FALL CREEK BRIDGE - 1 MILE EAST
OF FALL CREEK STATION
ADAMS COUNTY-ILLINOIS

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
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CORN BELT BANK BUILDING BLOOMINGTON ILL.

FALL CREEK BRIDGE
One Mile East of Fall Creek Station
Adams County, Illinois

Owner. Adams County.

Date of Erection. Unknown.

Architect. Unknown.

Builder. Unknown.

Present Condition. The bridge stands as originally constructed, and is well preserved.

Number of Stories. ----

Materials of Construction. Built of native limestone it spans, in an almost perfect arc, a distance of forty-eight feet, and rises thirty-five feet above the bed of the gorge. The arch stones, hand-hewn to perfect beds, are twenty inches deep and vary from ten inches to twenty-one inches on the soffit. The approaches are spread at each end, and the walls battered to take the thrust.

Other Existing Records. None.

Additional Data. This is one of the most beautiful of the old stone bridges remaining in Illinois. It spans the Fall Creek gorge, about one mile east of Fall Creek station, in Adams County.

The approach to the bridge, on winding gravel roads, leads through a valley of orchards and beautiful country. The appearance of the bridge shows a blend of artistic touch with engineering skill, and seems to grow right out

of the rocky ledges that form the sides of the gorge.

All record of its construction was presumably lost
in a fire about 1880.

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